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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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For: **METHOD FOR MAKING CARBON STEEL BANDS, IN PARTICULAR PACKAGING STEEL BANDS, AND RESULTING BANDS**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
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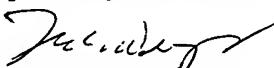
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 16, 2003 to February 17, 2004 (February 16, 2004 being a holiday).

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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